

“Living the Abundant Life”  
John 10:1-21

“Jesus said, Love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.” Mark 12:30

“Whatever you do, do it with all of your heart as unto the Lord and not unto men.” Colossians 3:23

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” Ephesians 5:15-17

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor.” Romans 12:11

What is the abundant life?

1. We are saved.
2. We are secure.
3. We are satisfied.

“My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.” John 10:10

“God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of His Son and our master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that!” 1 Corinthians 1:9

How can I have the abundant life in Jesus?

1. Have a clear purpose

“You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book.” Psalms 139:16

“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

“I’ve labored to no purpose at all. I’ve spent my strength in vain, for nothing.” Isaiah 49:4

Action point: Seek out your purpose.

2. Live a balanced schedule

Two reasons for an unbalanced schedule:

- Insecurity

“It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night fearing you’ll starve to death for God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest.” Psalms 127:2

- Materialism

“I’ve learned why people work so hard to succeed. It’s because they envy the things that their neighbors have.” Ecclesiastes 4:4

Action point: Plan a balanced schedule.

3. Resolve relational conflicts

"If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other." Galatians 5:15

"Resentment destroys the fool and jealousy kills the simple." Job 5:2

"You're only hurting yourself with your anger." Job 18:4

Actions point: Forgive the person who has hurt you.

4. Reach out to others

"Two are better than one, because....if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up." Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:24-25

Action point: Hang around spiritually passionate people.

5. Consistently examine your life

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:8-10

"Let us look closely at our ways and examine them and then return to the Lord." Lamentations 3:40

"My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear...I am bowed down and brought low....." Psalms 38:4, 6

Principle: God always occupies what he has purified.

"If we examine ourselves, we will not be examined by God and judged in this way." 1 Corinthians 11:31

"Test yourselves to make sure you're solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups." 2 Corinthians 13:5

Action point: Confess your sins to God.

6. Feed your soul

"People need more than bread in their life. Real life comes by feeding on every word of God." Deuteronomy 8:3

"God's principles will fill you with living energy." Proverbs 3:22

Action point: Read the Word of God daily.

7. Apply truth

“Make every effort to apply the benefits of God’s promises in your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence which leads to knowing God better.” 2 Peter 1:5

“Anyone who listens to the word and takes no action is like someone who looks at himself in a mirror and...then goes off and immediately forgets it. But anyone who puts it into practice will be blessed in every undertaking.” James 1:23-25

“Anyone who knows the right thing to do and doesn’t do it is sinning.” James 4:17

Action point: Use it or lose it.

8. Express your faith

“Let our lives lovingly express truth in all things speaking truly, dealing truly, and living truly.” Ephesians 4:15

“Each day tell someone that He saves.” Psalms 96:2

“You are God’s instrument to do His work and speak out for him to tell others the night and day difference He made for you!” 1 Peter 2:9

“Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.” 1 Timothy 4:8

Action point: Share your faith this week.

9. Worship God until the glory falls

“.....that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.” Ephesians 3:16

“Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” Ephesians 3:20

How can I worship God until His glory falls?

Praise – verbally praising God for His works of power and might.

Worship – verbally acknowledge God for who He is.

Action point: Worship God.

“Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.” 1 Timothy 4:8

“Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” Hosea 6:3

“Father, we fan the flames of hunger. May we never be the same. Set our hearts on fire.”

